are paying more than what they were previously paying. The statement of the Government is that at the Kurancheri Market and other places the rate of commission has been reduced. But the Ottupara Market will show something else.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—In every other market, except this they have been prevented from collecting 6 as but only 4½ as.

Appangat Canal—Narakkal—opening of.

113. **Mr. George Parakkal** (*Narakkal*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have started work on the Appangat Canal at Narakkal;

(b) at what stage the scheme of the Appangat Canal lies;

(c) whether it would be possible for the Government to speed up work on the Appangat Canal scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—(a) and (b) A portion of the lands required for opening the canal has been acquired. Urgent action is being taken to acquire the remaining portion also and to open the canal.

(c) Please see answer above.

Iyyattu Paramba Canal—Nayarambalam Village—opening of.

114. **Mr. George Parakkal** (*Narakkal*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have been approached for opening the Iyyattu Paramba Canal in the Nayarambalam village;

(b) whether they have prepared the approximate cost for opening the Iyyattu Paramba Canal;

(c) if the answer to sub division (b) of the question is in the affirmative, what that cost is;

(d) whether the Government will seriously consider the necessity of opening this canal for the benefit of the agriculturists?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

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